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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

From 031200B Apr 45

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Hq. 12th Army Group

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between 12th Army Group and 21st Army Group and between Ninth Army and Second British Army effective 040001B: As before to ALPEN A1531 thence WESEL A2240 - BRUNEN A2748 - RAESFELD A3853 - HELDEN A4459 - VELEN A4857 - COESFELD A6172 - MUNSTER A9273 - MELLE W4100 - LUBBECKE W6012 - MINDEN W8111 - WUNSTORF X1527 - CELLE X5949 - ELDINGEN X7657 - WITTINGEN Y0363 - SALZFEDEL Y3078 - WITTENBERGE Y7096 all to 12th Army Group.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (031200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. Attacked south and captured LEOPOLDS HAFEN R4755 and reached EGGENSTEIN R4852 and NEUREUT R4750 against moderate resistance. Front line change: NEUREUT R4750 - EGGENSTEIN R4852. 2d Moroccan Division. Attacked southeast, gained up to nine miles on a seven-mile front and entered FRIEDRICHSTAL R5456 and NEUTHARD R5759. Front line change: HAGSFELD R5248 - FRIEDRICHSTAL R5456 - NEUTHARD R5759. 3d Algerian Division. Advanced three miles east and entered ODENHEIM R7364 against increasingly heavy resistance. Front line change: ODENHEIM R7364. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" crossed into the (SEVENTH ARMY) bridgehead in the vicinity of MANNHEIM R5399; Combat Command "5" commenced to cross in the same area.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. No change. VI Corps. 100th Division. 397th Infantry attacked south and gained up to three miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: R7575 - R8070 - R8371. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" gained up to five miles on a seventeen-mile front and captured DUHREN R8072, BOCKINGEN S0560, BIBERACH S0267 and STEINSFURT R8571. Front line change: R8571 - S0267 - S0560 - S0674 - S0377 and S1988. 63d Division. Mopped up behind the 10th Armored Division and gained up to six miles on an eleven-mile front. Front line change: S2090 - S2293 - S0594.

XXI Corps. 12th Armored Division. Gained up to five miles on a five-mile front. Captured OCHSENFURT N6720. Crossed the MAIN River at WURZBURG N5834. The 232d Infantry reverted to control of the 42d Division. Front line change: N7314 - N7717 - N7419 - N7021 and N5834. 4th Division. The 8th Infantry crossed the MAIN River near N6821 and reached N6923. Front line change: N6923. 42d Division. The 232d Infantry advanced north up to ten miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: N2840 - N2644 - N2345.

XV Corps. 45th Division. Gained up to one-half mile on a seven-mile front. 157th Infantry continued fighting in ASCHAFFENBURG N0154. Three-fourths of the town was clear of the enemy. Front line change: N2064 - N1071. 44th Division. Attacked east on a thirteen-mile front and gained up to four miles. Front line change: N0366 - N0469 - N9872 and N1582.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH US ARMY. (040001B). XVI Corps. 75th Division. The 290th Infantry relieved the 134th Infantry (35th Division) along DORTMUND - EMS Canal at 0625B. The division was on the line A6730 - A6830 - A7441. Units of the 291st Infantry crossed the DORTMUND - EMS Canal in the vicinity of A7440 and secured a bridgehead up to two miles deep. Front line change: A7538 - A7639. 29th Division. Closed in assembly area in the vicinity of DORSTEN A4640. 35th Division.

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The 134th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of A5633.

XIX Corps. 83d Division. The 331st Infantry crossed the LIPPE - SEITEN Canal at HAMM B0542, repelled a small, local counterattack and continued fighting in the city. Front line change: HAMM B0542. 8th Armored Division. Assembled north of PADERBORN B7047 and then moved south. Units of the Division attacked in the direction of SOEST B2530 and reached B4235 without encountering opposition. Front line change: B4235. 2d Armored Division. (With 119th and 377th Infantry atched). Attacked east and gained up to five miles on a six-mile front against strong opposition. The 377th Infantry reverted to control of the 95th Division. Front line change: B7866 - FROMHAUSEN B8066 - LAGE B7277. 30th Division. (Less the 119th Infantry). The 120th Infantry passed thru Combat Command "B" 2d Armored Division and attacked DETMOLD B7871. 95th Division. Assembled in the area B1855 - B4051 - B0549. 113th Cavalry Group. Continued to protect the corps left flank and patrolled along the Ione B5472 - B4679.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" attacked northeast and gained up to ten miles on a ten-mile front against light opposition, reached the WESER River at W7602 and found the bridge at that point destroyed. Combat Command "B" reached B3190. Front line change: B7491 - B7602 - W6605 and B3190. 17th Airborne Division. (With the 6th Gds Tk Bde atched). Secured a bridgehead across the AA River and reached A9574 and A9476, an advance of one mile. All organized resistance in MUNSTER A9373 was overcome. The 513th Parachute Infantry liquidated the enemy pocket in the vicinity of A8974. 6th Guards Tank Brigade assembled north of MUNSTER A9373 and reverted to VIII British Corps at 032359B. Front line change: A9574 - A9477. 84th Division. The 334th Infantry crossed the DORTMUND - EMS Canal in the vicinity of A9467. The remainder of the division remained in assembly areas.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII Corps. 6th Airborne Division. (With 1st Commando Bde atched). Advanced east up to six miles on a seven-mile front. Captured OSEDE W2201, LENGERICH B0898 and reached the western edge of OSNABRUCK W2108 against light resistance. Front line change: W2600 - OSEDE W2201 - OSNABRUCK W2108. 11th Armored Division. 29th Armored Brigade advanced northeast fourteen miles without resistance and reached BOHMTE W3919. Division reconnaissance units captured WESTERKAPPELN W0913 at 031930B. Front line change: BOHMTE W3919 and WESTERKAPPELN W0913. 15th Division. Attached to VIII Corps and concentrated in the area of RHEINE A2860. 6th Guards Tank Brigade was attached to VIII Corps at 032359B and concentrated in the area of NIENBERGE A8778.

XII Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 155th Bde atched). The 155th Brigade relieved the 11th British Armored Division in the area V9606 - V9905. 52d Division. (With 4th Armored Bde atched). Advanced northeast two and one-half miles on a one-mile front and crossed the DORTMUND - EMS Canal in the vicinity of V8311 against light opposition including self-propelled guns. All organized resistance ceased in RHEINE V7909. 53d Division. Designated Corps reserve as of 031500B. The 4th Armored Brigade was relieved from attachment and attached to the 52d Division. The 53d Division then attacked north on an eleven-mile front, gained up to six miles and captured OHNE V6808. Front line change: V7510 - OHNE V6808 - V6209 - V6208 - V6007 - V5806.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Advanced northeast, gained up to fifteen miles on a seven-mile front against light opposition and secured a small bridgehead after having seized intact the bridge over the EMS River at V6838. Front line change: BENTHEIM V6011 - V7035 - V6838 - V6636. 3d British Division. The 185th Brigade passed through the Guards Armored Division bridgehead at V6838 and moved south. The 9th Brigade moved to area V6532 and the 8th Brigade to NORDHORN V5426. Front line change: V6938. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atched). The 130th Brigade advanced north one mile and captured BORNE V3311. Front line change: BORNE V3311.

I British Corps. Reverted to command of the SECOND BRITISH ARMY.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Advanced up to two miles on a six mile front against light opposition and seized a bridgehead over

the TWENTHE Canal in the vicinity of A0297. Front line change: A0297 - A0298 - A0199 - A0098 - E9796. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced northwest on a fifteen mile front and gained up to four miles against light enemy rear guard action. Front line change: ZUTPHEN E9495 - E9601 - E9583 - E9280 - DUVEN E8273.

I Canadian Corps & 49th Division. Crossed the NEDER RIJN in the vicinity of E7872. Advanced up to three miles on a five-mile front against light opposition and captured PANNERDEN E8367. Front line change: PANNERDEN E8367 - E7873.

AIR. (3 April 1945). Eighth Air Force: Flew 1388 sorties of which 719 were heavy bomber sorties against U-Boat Pens in the vicinity of KIEL N5638. Two bombers and one fighter were lost. Claims included one enemy aircraft. Ninth Air Force. IX Bombardment Division dispatched 477 medium bombers against marshalling yards in HAMELN C1231 and HOLZMINSEN C1860. 400 fighter aircraft sorties were flown, claims included eight enemy aircraft, 148 motor transport and 18 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Scattered showers in hills. Clouds: Scattered to broken at dawn, becoming broken to overcast during the afternoon. Visibility: 2 to 3 miles at dawn improving to more than six miles by 0900B, except locally in showers where visibility was limited to 1 to 2 miles. Wind: 12 mph west. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 56° F. Minimum 35° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Army Troops. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. Assembled in the vicinity of N0794 and mopped up the area WACHTERSBACH N1085 - WITTGENBORN N0888 - WALDENSEBERG N0690 - N0192. 26th Division. Mopped up in rear of the 11th Armored Division in the vicinity of H5124. 11th Armored Division. Advanced up to seventeen miles east. Combat Command "A" reached the vicinity of J1029 while Combat Command "B" advanced to the vicinity of J1139. Combat Command "R" closed in the area J0037. Front line change: J1020 - J1029 - J1139. 90th Division. (Less the 359th Infantry) Mopped up behind the 4th Armored Division in the vicinity of H5557. Units of the division also captured SCHENKLENGSFELD H4848, VACHA H6049 and BERKA H6362. 4th Armored Division. (With 359th and 354th Infantry Regiments attached). Advanced up to twenty-three miles east. Combat Command "A" reached the vicinity of H1152 and Combat Command "B" entered GOTHA J0965. Front line change: J1152 - J0766 - H9673.

XX Corps. 65th Division. (Less the 261st Inf). Advanced four miles east to the vicinity of H6279 and was attached to the VIII Corps at 041030B. 6th Armored Division. (With the 261st Inf attached). The 261st Infantry reverted to the 65th Division at 041200B. Units of the Armored division advanced up to fifteen miles east. Combat Command "R" closed in the vicinity of ESCHWEGE H6190. Front line change: H8288 - H8193 - H7195 - H5599 - C5203. 80th Division. Advanced north on both sides of KASSEL C2304 but house to house fighting continued within the city. Front line change: H2890 - C2403 - C1806 - C1605. 5th Division. Continued to mop up the city of FRANKFURT M6769 and contiguous areas north and northeast thereof. 3d Cavalry Group. Advanced north to the vicinity of C1206. Front line change: C1206.

VIII Corps. 76th Division. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of H1371. The division was attached to the XX Corps at 032400B. 89th Division. (Less the 354th Inf). Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of H2760. The 354th Infantry was attached to the 4th Armored Division. 6th Cavalry Group. (Attached for operational control of XX Corps). Relieved the 3d Cavalry Group along the FULDA River and was itself relieved from attachment to the XX Corps. 87th Division. Commenced movement to the vicinity of FRIEDENAU H4955.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. (With the 38th Inf atchd). Continued mopping up within the general area of its positions. 2d Division. (Less the 38th Inf). Continued mopping up scattered pockets of resistance. 69th Division. Assembled in the vicinity of H0298 and mopped up the surrounding area.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). The task force which had held LIPPSTADT B4242 was relieved by units of the 8th Armored Division (Ninth Army) and departed for the division area. 1st Division. Advanced up to one mile against light opposition and reached MENZEL B4625. Front line change: B4625. 9th Division. (With Combat Command "A" 7th Armored Division atchd). Advanced up to two miles. OBERKIRCHEN G4484 was captured but half of the town was lost while repelling a tank supported counterattack. Heavy fighting continued in WINTERBERG G5588. Front line change: G5793 - G5588 - G4787 - G4484 - G4883. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf and with 4th Cav Gp atchd). Advanced one mile and captured KUSTELBERG G6092. Cleared the enemy from practically all of FORST HARDEHAUSEN B8328 and occupied KLEINENBERG B8632 without opposition. The 4th Cavalry Group swept the woods in the direction of BRUCH - HAUSEN B5502. Front line change: B9030 - B8830 - B8632 - B8132.

XVIII Airborne Corps. The 303d Infantry (97th Division) closed in the vicinity of UCKERATH F7436. 8th Division. Gained up to three and one-half miles against moderate to heavy resistance. NETPHEN G2657 was cleared of hostile troops after stiff fighting. Five counterattacks of platoon and company strength, each supported by two or three tanks, were repulsed in the area of SIEGEN G2053 - NETPHEN G2657. Front line change: G3364 - G3161 - G2657 - G2457 - G2055 - G1652 - G0948 - G0746.

III Corps. 7th Armored Division. (Less Combat Command "A"). Commenced movement to the vicinity of BRAUNSHAUSEN G6680. 99th Division. The 394th Infantry commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of G5375. The 393d Infantry commenced to relieve the 47th Infantry (9th Division).

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 16th Armored and 66th Infantry Divisions and XXIII Corps. No change. 106th Division. Closed in the vicinity of RENNES Y0150 at 031200B. 82d Airborne Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of F2655 and commenced to relieve the 86th Division. 101st Airborne Division. Assembled in the vicinity of GLEHN F1986.

XXII Corps. 20th Armored Division. Closed in the vicinity of UBACH K8659. 86th Division. The 342d and 343rd Infantry Regiments were relieved by units of the 82d Airborne Division. 94th Division. Completed relief of the 102d Division and assumed responsibility for its sector. 102d Division. Passed to command of XIII Corps at 032400B.

NINTH ARMY. The Ninth Army reverted to the command of the 12th Army Group at 040001B.

XVI Corps. 75th Division. (With the 116th Inf atchd). Advanced southward six miles against light to heavy artillery fire and the fire of infantry weapons. Front line change: A7033 - A7133 - A7232 - A7433 - A7635 - A7736 - A8235.

XIX Corps. 95th Division. Attacked south across LIPPE River and advanced up to one mile. Fighting continued in HALT B0542. Front line change: B0542 - B1244 - B1542 - B2038. 8th Armored Division. Advanced three miles southwest. Front line change: B3838 - B4036 - B4628. 83d Division. Attacked east preceded by 113th Cavalry Group and reached the vicinity of B7657. Front line change: B7657. 2d Armored Division. (With the 119th Inf atchd). Cleared the enemy from OERLINGHSM B6474 and advanced up to ten miles east against decreasing resistance. Front line change: B8067 - B7570 - B7272 - B7075 - B7981. 30th Division. (Less the 119th Inf). Units passed through Combat Command "B", 2d Armored Division and attacked DETMOLD B7871 against stiff resistance. Front line change: B7871.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Advanced about twelve miles east against ht to non-existent resistance but encountered many road blocks. Front line

Change: B8292 - B8495 - W7602 - W7309 - W6605. 84th Division. Mopped up and consolidated the localities by-passed by the 5th Armored Division. Units reached the vicinity of B5581 and B3291. 17th Airborne Division. Cleared hostile troops from MUNSTER A9273. 11th Cavalry Group. Repulsed a small counter-attack and inflicted a loss of eighty casualties and prisoners upon the enemy besides knocking out six artillery pieces and a number of trucks.

6. CASUALTIES. (Cumulative to 032400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	67,773	276,967	35,341	9,636	389,717
Non-battle					288,357
					Total casualties 678,074

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: Sixth Army Group LANDSTUHL G8890; XXI Corps HARDHEIM N2513; 3d Division N1749; 36th Division OTTERBERG M0200; 42d Division RETTERSHEIM N3235; 44th Division KAHL A MAIN M9064; 45th Division LAUFACH N1158; 100th Division SANDHAUSEN R6783; 103d Division NEUSTADT R2983; 2d Moroccan Division HUTTENHEIM R5367; 3d Algerian Division KIRRLACH R5972; 1st French Armored Division BARR V7978; 5th French Armored Division OFFENRACH R3365.

21 Army Group: II Canadian Corps A0093; VIII British Corps W0502; XXX Corps V4001; 52 (L) Division V7403; 53 (W) Division V6201; 4th Canadian Armored Division V2400; 7th British Armored Division V8505; 11th British Armored Division W1410.

12th Army Group: Ninth Army HALTERN A6249; III Corps FRANKENBERG G7473; 26th Division FULDA H3819; XIII Corps A4459; XVI Corps A3331; XX Corps FALKENBERG H1676; XIX Corps B4756; VIII Corps ALSFELD H0840; 29th Division A5641; 30th Division KAUNITZ B5762; 35th Division A5231; 65th Division BERNEBURG H5075; 71st Division BUDINGEN M9889; 75th Division A6639; 76th Division HOMBERG H1771; 79th Division A3029; 80th Division DISSEN H1789; 83d Division DELBRUCK B5752; 84th Division A7867; 89th Division HERFEL H3954; 90th Division FRIEDEWALD H4955; 95th Division BECKUM B2151; 102d Division A1703; 2d Armored Division B5967; 5th Armored Division WITTEL B6998; 6th Armored Division ESCHWEGE H6190; 7th Armored Division HALLENBERG G6279; 8th Armored Division DELBRUCK B5752; 11th Armored Division STEINBACH HALLENBERG J0037; 17th Airborne Division A9071.

The following information was received too late to be placed in its proper order in the report.

Boundary between Ninth and First Armies: RUHR River to NEHEIM B1617 - MAHNE TALSPERRE B2520 - RUTHEN B4821 - BUREN B5728 - BRENNEN B5932 - ADHEN 36134 - NIEDERNTUDORF B6537 (all to Ninth Army) - PADERBORN B7047 (to First Army with running rights to Ninth Army) - BAD DRIBURG B8849 - BRAKEL C0047 - GODELHEIM C1249 - BOFFZEN C1451 - SILBERBORN C2453 - DASSEL C3457 - EINBECK C4659 - BILLERBECK C5463 - BAD GRUND C7259 - CLAUSTHAL ZELLERFELD C7960 (all to First Army).

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